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TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The Trustees of the Avon Place Home submit their Report for the year ending May 30, 1885.

The number of children is the same as at the beginning of the year, — twenty-five. Four of these are in the nursery; the rest attend school, five of them being in the Kindergarten.

There have been comparatively few changes during the year. Four children have been taken in at different times, to bridge over temporary needs. Two children have been taken by charitably disposed people into their own homes.

Early in the year several of the children had whooping-cough. About the same time a light form of scarlet fever and tonsillitis prevailed somewhat extensively. Later in the year a similar attack of scarlatina was experienced. None of the children were very sick. The regular attendance at school was considerably broken into by these sicknesses.

During the school vacation a young girl who seemed to have great tact in managing the little ones was employed to give instruction a few hours

each day. This was thought to be better for the children than entire freedom, as the Matron could hardly be expected to keep so large a family out of mischief. The result proved the wisdom of the experiment.

Owing to the kindness of friends, the children were not entirely without vacation and change of scene. A lady in North Stoughton invited the Matron to visit her and bring ten children. Mrs. Doe did so, selecting the children who had least chance for change, and remained four days, all enjoying the visit to the utmost.

Captain Phillips kindly furnished free passes on his steamboat, the "Empire State." This gift came very opportunely, as the physician had recommended sea air for the children who were recovering from whooping-cough. The nurse took the babies, and two of the larger girls to assist in the care.

There have been no changes about the premises. A part of one of the Christmas donations of the previous year was expended for a portable closet in the play-room, to hold the children's playthings.

At Christmas, as the funds were running low, there was no especial Christmas-tree provided for the children. The one used at the Kindergarten was given to them, as the Matron had said that the children enjoyed arranging and playing with the tree for weeks afterwards, almost as much as at Christmas.

Two Christmas donations, one from Mr. C. F. Choate, in memory of his daughter, the other from Mr. C. W. Kingsley, were received and gratefully acknowledged, and appropriated to the urgent needs of the Home, the expenses having been considerably increased at the time of sickness.

Work in the garden has been given by a relative of one of the employees. The permanent fund has been quite considerably increased during the year, the items of which will be found in their proper place.

The fair in November was well patronized, and netted a goodly amount for the benefit of the Home.

To all the friends who, at various times during the year have remembered and contributed to the needs of the Home, and to the physicians who have kindly given their services, the thanks of the Trustees are most gratefully offered.

The afternoons of Sunday and Thursday have been appointed for admission of the parents of the children and other friends of the Home.

M. MURDOCK,
For the Trustees.

FORM FOR LEGACY

I give and bequeath to the Corporation of the Avon Place Trustees, commonly known as the AVON PLACE HOME, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, the sum of
Dollars, to be used for the general purposes of the Corporation.

Permanent Fund of Avon Place Home.

Cambridge Horticultural Society Permanent Fund	$300.00
Legacy of Mrs. Lucy C. Tyler	200.00
Legacy of Mrs. Mary H. Flagg	10,052.97
Holly Tree	2,000.00
Mary Cheever Chandler Fund	150.00
Donation of Mr. D. H. Richards	25.00
T. B. Mackay Fund	1,000.00
	$13,727.97

Dr. *The Treasurer in account with the Avon Place Home.* Cr.

1884, May 31.		
Balance cash on hand from old account		$211.74
Demand Note		953.90
To cash from year ending May 30, 1885: —		
Proceeds of Entertainment by Lillie M. Hunnewell and Bessie W. Hodgman	$12.00	
Prospect Street Congregational Sunday School	10.00	
Busy Bees	5.00	
Proceeds of Lawn Party at Mrs. Cilley's	246.72	
Prospect Street Congregational Society	125.99	
No Name Club	20.00	
Board	26.25	
Miss Staples and her Pupils	25.00	
Special Donations	20.00	
Individual Donations	655.36	
Annual Subscriptions	422.00	
Interest on Investments	657.05	
Proceeds of Fair at Temple Hall	1,505.50	
Legacy of Mr. T. B. Mackay	1,000.00	
		4,730.87
		$5,896.51

May 30, 1885. Audited and approved by

S. S. SLEEPER.
SARAH S. STORER.

1885, May 30.		
By cash paid for Expenses of "The Home:"		
Salary of Matron and Employees	$1,114.33	
Provisions and Groceries	1,226.98	
Fuel, Gas, and Water	265.04	
Clothing and Shoes	123.36	
Furniture and House Utensils	46.17	
Repairs	115.79	
Druggist	44.11	
Insurance	67.50	
Printing	20.00	
Sundries	33.69	
		$3,056.97
Carried to Permanent Fund Account		1,025.00
Demand Note		1,628.90
Cash on hand		185.64
		$5,896.51

MARY A. ELLIS, *Treasurer.*

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Miss Anne Abbott	$5.00
Mrs. Edward Abbott	10.00
Mrs. Ezra Abbott	10.00
Miss Grace Ashburner	5.00
Mrs. John Bartlett	10.00
Mrs. A. R. Bayley	3.00
Mrs. J. W. Bemis	5.00
Miss S. C. Bent	1.00
Mrs. M. B. Boynton	2.00
Dr. Briggs	5.00
Mrs. Burrage	1.00
Misses E. and S. Cary	5.00
Mrs. Channing	5.00
Mrs. A. G. Clark	2.00
Mrs. Colburn	2.00
Mrs. J. P. Cooke	5.00
Miss Edith Cushman	1.00
Mrs. David Ellis	5.00
Miss M. A. Ellis	5.00
Mrs. S. S. Everett	5.00
Mrs. James C. Fisk	25.00
Mrs. Henry Forbes	1.00
Mrs. Frank Foster	20.00
Miss Lucy Foster	1.00
Mrs. Gage	1.00
Mrs. J. E. Gale	1.00
Mrs. Frank Gilman	1.00
Mrs. Goodale	5.00
Miss Goodwin	5.00
Mrs. Asa Gray	5.00
Rev. Geo. Z. Gray	15.00
Mrs. James Greenleaf	10.00
Mrs. F. W. Gregory	1.00
Mrs. J. M. W. Hall	$15.00
Miss Clara Harrington	5.00
Mrs. Hedge	5.00
Miss Maria Heywood	1.00
Mrs. L. S. Jones	10.00
Mrs. A. J. Lovell	5.00
Mrs. G. M. Lane	10.00
Miss F. M. Mackay	10.00
Miss Annie Moore	1.00
Miss Jennie Moore	1.00
Mrs. Chas. W. Munroe	5.00
Mrs. Fred Odiorne	1.00
Dr. A. P. Peabody	10.00
Mrs. F. G. Peabody	5.00
Mrs. F. Perrin	1.00
Mrs. Mary E. Piper	5.00
Mrs. W. T. Piper	5.00
Mrs. P. G. Porter	1.00
Mrs. Geo. Putnam	5.00
Mrs. S. B. Rindge	10.00
Mrs. Geo. B. Roberts	5.00
Miss Ruthven	10.00
Miss M. B. Sedgwick	15.00
Miss E. R. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. M. E. Simmons	3.00
Mrs. Eben Snow	5.00
Mrs. I. M. Spelman	5.00
Mrs. Wm. B. Storer	10.00
Mrs. R. B. Storer	10.00
Mrs. Stone	5.00
Mrs. S. H. Swan	10.00

Mrs. J. B. Thayer	$3.00	Mrs. Emory Washburn	$5.00
Mrs. H. N. Tilton	1.00	Mrs. W. W. Wellington	1.00
Mrs. C. Tufts	10.00	Mrs. J. G. White	20.00
		Mrs. E. P. Whitman	1.00
Mrs. M. Walker	5.00	Mrs. A. Wood	1.00

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS.

Mr. Bradford	$5.00	Mrs. Kettell	$25.00
Miss Bradshaw	1.00	Mr. C. W. Kingsley	100.00
Mrs. Francis Bowen	5.00		
		Mrs. Marcou	5.00
Mrs. Richard Cary	10.00	Rev. C. R. Moor	10.00
Prof. S. C. Chandler	25.00		
Mr. C. F. Choate	50.00	Mrs. F. A. Packard	5.00
		Mrs. Cazneau Palfrey	5.00
Mrs. Demerritt	5.00		
Mr. E. S. Dixwell	25.00	Mr. D. H. Richards	25.00
Mr. M. J. Drennan	7.50	Miss S. Ropes	1.00
Mrs. Chas. Dunbar	5.00		
		Mr. S. S. Sleeper	100.00
Mrs. C. C. Everett	15.00	Mrs. T. L. Smith & daughters	15.00
		Mrs. Martha A. Stratton	7.00
Mrs. Geo. Fisher	5.00		
Miss S. C. Fisher	5.00	Mrs. Benj. Vaughan	25.00
Prof. Wm. Goodwin	40.00	Prof. C. J. White	45.00
Miss L. R. Green	1.00	J. Wilson and Son	10.00
		Mrs. Morrill Wyman	50.00
Mr. J. H. Hubbard	22.86		

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

Dr. A. P. Peabody	$10.00	Mrs. J. L. Ross	$10.00

Clothing and Work on Clothing have been contributed by

Mrs. F. A. Kennedy.
Mrs. Beard.
Miss M. Curtis.
Mrs. M. P. White.
Mrs. G. W. C. Noble.
Mrs. S. P. Teele.
Mrs. S. D. Smith.
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Mrs. E. J. Young.
Harry and Charlie Lever.
"The Club," through Mrs. R. B. Storer.
"The Guild," through Mrs. W. B. Storer.
"The Club," through Mrs. H. W. Paine.
"A Friend," through Mrs. E. J. Young.
Charles River Baptist Society, through Mrs. Henry W. Bates.
"The Bee," through Mrs. P. S. Stone.

Groceries, Fruit, Milk, Crackers, &c., have been received from

Mrs. R. B. Storer.
Mrs. M. P. White.
Mrs. Morrison.
Mrs. E. J. Cutter.
Mrs. Walter Swan.
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Mrs. F. G. Bemis.
Mr. G. S. Merrill.
Mrs. J. M. W. Hall.
Mrs. C. L. Harding.
Mrs. W. W. Gannett.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Presents have been received from

Mrs. G. M. Lane.
Mr. F. Cass.
First Parish Unitarian Sunday-school.
Mrs. H. O. Houghton.
Miss Martha Butler.
Mrs. Frank Sands.
Mr. Trumbull.
Mrs. Krätzer.
Mr. James Mann.
Mrs. S. S. Sleeper.
Mrs. S. P. Teele.
Edith Roberts.
Ernest Roberts.
Miss Helen Wilson.
Guy and Walter Cutter.
Mrs. Alberti.
Miss Flora Packard.
Master C. Packard.

Miscellaneous.

Mrs. Frank Ellis, a child's sleigh.
Mrs. C. F. Choate, door-mat and a picture.
Miss Moore, toys and papers.
Miss M. Murdock, candy.
Mrs. M. F. Dana, pictures.
Miss Annie A. Longfellow, books.
Mrs. Herring, books.
Mabel Cummings, paper dolls and doll-house.
Edith Hunnewell, "Youth's Companion."
Mrs. Garratt, illustrated papers.
Donnison Tower, toys.
Mr. M. L. Walton, lounge.
Mrs. D. Ellis, comforters.
Allie Start, books.
Miss Irene Locke, mottoes and flower-seeds.
"Busy Bee" Club, 12 scrap-books, books, dolls, toys, and $5.00.
Miss Jennie Paine, 30 pairs hand-knit stockings, and $6.00 to pay for making garments.

Mrs. Abbot, crib-quilt.
Mrs. Harry Wentworth, quilt.
Miss Silvia Scudder, toys.
Mrs. Bowker, a visit into the country for ten children.
Mrs. Noble, books and a chair.
Mrs. M. P. White, a cradle.
Mrs. G. M. Lane, tin and plated ware.
Mrs. S. P. Teele, soap and books.
Rev. C. F. Thwing, "Youth's Companion."
A Friend, through Mrs. J. Bartlett, books.
Mr. William Read, wood.
Mr. Bancroft, expressage.
Mr. Durgin, ice.
A barrel of apples, anonymous.
" " " potatoes, "
" " " flour, "
" " " buns, "
Pictures.
One bundle of clothing.
Fifteen crib-quilts.
A case of stuffed birds.

BY-LAWS.

Article I.

Membership.

The number of Corporators of this Corporation shall be limited to nine, and the nine persons who signed the articles of association shall constitute the Corporation. Vacancies shall be caused by death, by resignation, and by the failing to attend for a period of twelve consecutive months some meeting of the Corporation. When such failure occurs, the Corporation shall by vote record the fact, and declare the membership vacant. Vacancies shall be filled by the unanimous vote of the remaining members. This article of the By-Laws shall not be altered, except by the unanimous vote of the Corporators. [At the regular monthly meeting held in November, 1875, the number of Corporators was increased from nine to thirteen.*]

Article II.

Common Seal.

The Common Seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form, with the year of its creation, and the words, "Corporation of Avon Place Trustees, 1874," inscribed, and shall be kept by the Clerk.

* East Cambridge is not yet represented on the Board of Trustees.

Article III.

Officers of the Corporation.

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Treasurer, and Clerk, to be chosen from the Corporation at the Annual Meeting, or at some adjournment thereof, and to hold office for one year, and until their successors are elected and accept office. They shall severally perform the customary duties of such officers, and the President and Treasurer shall make a report at the Annual Meeting. The Corporators may, from time to time, appoint committees to aid in the convenient transaction of the business of the Corporation. The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited as often at least as once every six months.

Article IV.

Meetings of the Corporation.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation shall be held at the Avon Place Home, on the last Saturday in May, at such hour as the Corporators may decide. Regular meetings shall be held every month at some convenient place, and special meetings may be called by the President, or any two Corporators, upon two days' notice, to be given by the Clerk. A majority of all the Corporators shall constitute a quorum at any annual, regular, or special meeting.

Article V.

Amendments.

Articles II., III., and IV. of these By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of all the Corporators at any annual meeting, or at any regular meeting, when a notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous regular meeting, or at any special meeting, by the unanimous vote of all the Corporators.

Amendment.

At the Annual Meeting, May 29, 1880, under Article V., the following amendment was made to Article III.: —

At the annual meeting for choice of officers, two auditors shall be chosen to audit the accounts.

At the Annual Meeting, May 28, 1881, Sumner Albee, Esq., and Mr. S. S. Sleeper were appointed a Committee to confer with the Treasurer with regard to the best method of keeping the accounts of the invested funds.

Application for admission of children to the Home must be made to one of the Committee on admission, consisting of: —

Mrs. R. B. Storer	Garden Street.
Mrs. Dr. Thayer	80 North Avenue.
Mrs. S. P. Teele	88 Washington Street.